

Hospice's Forever Tree Ceremony is Thursday



The holiday season is said to be the most wonderful time of the year. However, for many who are dealing with grief and loss, the holidays are a time of sadness. Anson Community Hospice offers a unique way to remember loved ones who have passed away recently or in years past as well as honor those still with us during their Second Annual Forever Tree Ceremony. This ceremony will be held this Thursday, December 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home.

The "Forever Tree" will be adorned with lights purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones. This special time of reflection will feature Ken Caulder, soloist, and Rev. Patrick Ledford as special guest speaker. Piano accompaniment will be provided by Linda Hatcher. And, enjoy delicious treats sponsored by Charlotte Treadaway, Ken Caulder and Anson Community Hospice.

Contact Anson Community Hospice at (704) 695-1595 for information or to RSVP.

Worldwide Candlelight Program is Sunday

The annual Compassionate Friends World Wide Candlelight Program will be held this Sunday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. This is a special time as attendees join together with others around the world to remember our children who have died - that their light may always shine.

Groups of people and individuals from all over the world will be lighting candles at 7 p.m. their local time in memory of deceased children. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lighted in the next, creating a 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world. This is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting in the world.

You are invited to take part in this program. Please bring a photograph of your child, your family and friends. Attendees will enjoy party refreshments and fellowship following the candle lighting.

The Compassionate Friends meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric in Wadesboro. It is a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have experienced the death of a child of any age. They welcome you to attend. "We need not walk alone."

Calvary Episcopal Church is located at 308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. For information call 704-694-8774 or 704-272-7449. Or you can call Leavitt Funeral Home at 704-694-2524.

Open House and Children's Play at First Baptist Church

The Advent Season is here and community churches are putting on their finest. To share in the joy of the coming holiday First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro, is hosting an Open house this Sunday, December 9, from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to come see the church decorated for Advent, listen to volunteers share the background of the Chrismsons, and enjoy refreshments with Christmas cookies. There will be five Christmas trees throughout the church, allowing for family photos if desired. The downstairs Fellowship Hall will be devoted to children, complete with Santa's workshop.

At 5:30 all children are invited to a special Christmas program, including an unrehearsed play. All children will have an opportunity to choose a costume, take a part, and participate in hearing and telling the Christmas story.

At 6:00 p.m., after adults have been dismissed for other church services, children and youth will have a Christmas celebration with a snack supper, a gift, and a special visitor! All children in the community are invited, and they are encouraged to bring a friend.

This Open House and Children's Play are open to everyone and are offered free of charge. The special day is presented to all to fellowship, share in some Christmas joy, and remember the reason for the season.



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The Town of Lilesville invites everyone to come to Hatcher Park in Lilesville for the town's annual Christmas in the Park. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Among the activities will be a tree lighting, singing by the Community Children's Choir, train rides for the kids, free hot chocolate and cookies, a live nativity scene, and an opportunity to visit with Santa with pictures. There will be food vendors featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, collard sandwiches, hot wings and drinks. New this year are Christmas Carolers and Christmas crafts for the kids to make and take home.

The Town of Lilesville invites all kids to join their Community Children's Choir. Practices will be scheduled and posted on Facebook. For more information about the choir or the event call Lilesville Town Hall at 704-848-4711.

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